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Critic of Wiretaps Finds Own Phone In Detroit Bugged

DETROIT (AP) — Wiretapping critic Edgar C. (Doc) Greene, a newspaper columnist, says he has made the surprising discovery that his telephone line had been tapped.

Greene, noted for his wide range of contacts, said in his daily column in the Detroit News that the wiretap had been found quite by accident by an electronics expert visiting his home.

The discovery came shortly before it was disclosed that a U.S. Senate subcommittee will throw its investigative spotlight on Detroit next month in a two-day hearing on wiretapping and electronic eavesdropping.

The probe will be headed by Sen. Edward Long, D-Mo., who has issued subpoenas to two retired Detroit police officers and at least six other policemen.

Greene's phone tap was detected Wednesday by Gene Allen of Research Electronics Co. as he was demonstrating devices which Allen says he uses to make monthly antiwiretap checks for about 70 business firms.